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**USU FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2013
Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 154**

Renee Galliher called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of January 7, 2013 was made by Vince Wickwar and seconded by Sheri Haderlie. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements – Renee Galliher

Roll Call. Members are reminded to sign the role sheet at each meeting.

University Business – President Stan Albrecht, Raymond Coward

President Albrecht is in Salt Lake with the legislature so Provost Coward presented University Business. The legislature will be discussing the waiver bill which would remove the cap on out of state tuition waivers and allow more out of state recruiting of students. Applications for fall are currently up approximately 1300 students. The predictions for the decrease in spring enrollment were very good and accurate. There was a predicted loss of 250 FTE, and the actual loss was only 10% above that number.

The provost asked Mark McClelland and Dave Cowley to update the senate on the searches they chair. The search for the new VP Extension and Dean of Agriculture currently has about 75 nominations. The committee will begin looking at applications on February 22. The search committee for a new VP of Advancement has completed a draft of the position announcement and will be moving forward with it very soon.

A senator asked if enrollment is expected to rise again in 2 – 3 years when the new missionaries return. The university expects to be able to predict regular ebbs and flows in enrollment once we get past the initial wave of new missionaries leaving and returning. The LDS Church has indicated there is an increase in women going on missions by 7 to 10 fold. There is less of an impact on RCDE campuses because the RCDE enrollment has different student demographics.

Information Items

Structure of the Faculty Senate and Standing Committees – Renee Galliher/Glenn McEvoy

Glenn McEvoy opened a discussion regarding the challenges of a 60 person senate and the struggle colleges have to find people willing to serve in the senate and on all the various committees. The standing committees of the senate consist of 15 members each. This makes arranging schedules very difficult. The main question discussed was, "How do we maximize our efficiency as a senate?" Several ideas came to the forefront, including examining which committees senators' time should be used on and making the senate meetings shorter by taking care of the "mechanical" business ahead of time thereby allowing for more discussion time.

The real problem seems to be at the committee level. There was a lengthy discussion about how to resolve this problem and still provide adequate representation for all

interested parties. It seemed to be the consensus of the group that shrinking the size of committees would solve many of the problems being discussed. When asked for recommendations on how to move forward it was agreed that the problems need to be more clearly identified, there needs to be more communication between senators and constituents, and the senate needs to be utilizing its time differently.

Glenn and Renee will work on this issue further and bring more recommendations back to the senate for consideration.

Consent Agenda Items – Renee Galliher

Campus Store Report – David Hansen

A senator questioned David Hansen why students are purchasing e-books at a lower rate at USU than nationally. David's response was that it has to do with the faculty not adopting e-books as an option for their text books. Another query was if the Campus Store committee is necessary or viable. The Campus Store Committee is a University Committee that has faculty senate representation on it. Perhaps the Faculty Senate needs to do a thorough review of its involvement in University Committees in general.

EPC January Report – Larry Smith

There were not questions as it related to the EPC Report.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Vince Wickwar and seconded by Mark McClellan. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

PRPC 405.8.2, Ombudsperson (second reading) – Terry Peak. Language was left intact to include all forms of electronic participation after the first reading, despite the discussion that participating by phone may not be adequate.

A motion to approve the second reading was made by Scott Bates and seconded by Vince Wickwar. The motion passed unanimously.

PRPC 407 Medical incapacity (second reading) – Terry Peak. The changes made to this section of the code are to bring it into compliance with ADA regulations.

A motion to approve the second reading was made by Glenn McEvoy and seconded by Vince Wickwar. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:00 by Vince Wickwar and seconded by Jordan Hunt. The meeting adjourned.